



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

## Virtual & In-Person Halloween Hauntings & Fall Activities Not to Miss in Gaithersburg

**Gaithersburg, MD (September 23, 2020)** Halloween is just around the corner and the City of Gaithersburg is celebrating throughout October with virtual and in-person programs and activities sure to send a chill down your spine. Ghost stories, macabre poetry, a paranormal neighborhood tour as well as family-friendly crafts and activities are among the offerings. Explore all of the events [here](#).

We know many communities are seeking guidance on neighborhood trick or treating events. These are not traditionally regulated by the City of Gaithersburg. We will be looking to the Montgomery County Health Department for guidance as Halloween draws nearer, and will communicate their recommendations.

Here is the full lineup of fall and Halloween-themed events coming up in Gaithersburg:

### **Family Workshop: Autumn (in-person)**

Sunday, October 18

1 – 1:45 p.m.

[Kentlands Green](#) (outdoors)

\$26.25 for Residents/\$28.50 for Nonresidents (Parent/guardian attends free with child)

Create autumn-inspired projects with your child. A supply kit will be provided. This workshop is for children ages 3 to 10. All participants MUST wear a mask and social distancing is required. Each family will be seated together at one six-foot table. Register online [here](#).

### **Tasty Books Boo Bash Kit (in-person pick up for family fun at home)**

Thursday, October 22

[Casey Community Center](#)

Pick up between 1 & 4 p.m.

\$15

Get ready for Halloween with a special Tasty Books Boo Bash Kit. It includes "Creepy Carrots" by Aaron Reynolds, a Creepy Face Carrot craft, candy eyes, creepy carrot cake recipe, and other Halloween treats. "Creepy Carrots" is a great book to celebrate Halloween. Jasper Rabbit loves eating carrots. But soon these humble root vegetables are following Jasper everywhere. What do these creepy carrots want with Jasper? And can he figure out how to put them underground for good, or will he become a snack himself? Purchase online [here](#).

**Ghost Talk (virtual)**

Thursday, October 29

7 p.m.

Free

Go in search of the ghosts that haunt Gaithersburg homes and byways with this [virtual talk](#) with Karen Yaffe Lottes, author of "In Search of Maryland Ghosts: Montgomery County." The discussion takes place on the Gaithersburg Community Museum [Facebook Page](#).

**Kentlands Ghostwalk (virtual)**

Friday & Saturday, October 30 & 31

7, 9 & 11 p.m.

\$15 (\$5 discount if also purchasing Poems Macabre)

Drawing from historical accounts and documented experiences of the paranormal, this virtual walking tour explores the property of the Kentlands estate including inside the historic Kentlands Mansion, Arts Barn, and surrounding area. Discover the stories behind the street signs and the history of your neighborhood while hearing tales of the spirits who may still linger. Only one virtual ticket purchase is required per household, so one or more persons may view the program. Once registered, patrons will receive an internet link and password unique to them. Tickets must be purchased 30 minutes prior to event start time. Purchase tickets online [here](#).

**Poems Macabre: The Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe (virtual)**

*In partnership with A Taste for Murder Productions*

Friday & Saturday, October 30 & 31

8, 10 p.m. & 12 Midnight

\$15 (\$5 discount if also purchasing Kentlands Ghostwalk)

Celebrate All Hallow's Eve with selected poetry from Edgar Allan Poe, the Master of the Macabre. Enjoy a one-hour virtual presentation featuring Poe-inspired artwork, music and recited poetry, told from within the historic (and allegedly haunted) Kentlands Mansion. Only one virtual ticket purchase is required per household, so one or more persons may view the program. Once registered, patrons will receive an internet link and password unique to them. Tickets must be purchased 30 minutes prior to event start time. Purchase tickets online [here](#).

For more information, visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).

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